

Torrance, California
January 9, 1951

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, January 9, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCIL-
MEN: Powell. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City
Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount called attention to Planning Commission Case No. 205, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of December 26th, stating the change of zone is to "C-2" rather than "C-1", and moved the minutes of December 26th be approved as corrected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Tide Water Associated Oil Company advising no permits issued or pipe lines laid or removed from July 1 to December 31, 1950, under County Ordinance No. 1351. Matter of record.

Letter from Tide Water Associated Oil Company advising no permits issued or pipe lines laid or removed from July 1 to December 31, 1950, under County Ordinance No. 1014. Matter of record.

Letter from Shell Oil Company advising no new installations or abandonments, for the period ending December 31, 1950, under Ordinance No. 328. Matter of record.

Letter from Richfield Oil Corporation advising no pipe lines were laid, removed or abandoned, from July 1 to December 31, 1950, under County Ordinances Nos. 1358 and 1361. Matter of record.

Letter from City of Palos Verdes Estates advising its Fire Department had been authorized by resolution to assist in emergency calls outside the city limits. Matter of record.

Request from J. Sherman for renewal of his "junk pick-up" license, ("O.K.'d" by Chief of Police). Councilman Spelman moved that with the approval of the Chief of Police the license be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from National Supply Employees' Club expressing appreciation for use of the Auditorium on December 23rd. Matter of record.

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Letter from Division of Highways re improvement of 174th Street between Hawthorne Ave. and Western Ave. and indicating such improvement between the highway surfacing and the curb and gutter should be taken care of by the subdivider. Discussion followed, with Councilman Blount moving the letter be held for further discussion at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from Torrance Firemens' Association suggesting changes in 5-step plan and requesting a meeting with the Council. Councilman Drale moved the letter be referred to the meeting tomorrow night, when all wages would be discussed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from Clifton W. Anderson, 2829 E. Anaheim, Long Beach, disabled veteran, for "free license" to clean rugs and furniture in the home. Councilman Drale moved the license be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Ass'n urging that requirement of curbs, gutters and sidewalk in subdivision at 174th and Crenshaw be retained. Councilman Blount moved the letter be held over until later in the evening as there was a letter from Mr. Patrick on the same matter. Motion seconded and carried.

Letter from Walter H. Kessenick urging that steps be taken to control wandering dogs in Hollywood Riviera and that the "leash law" be enforced. Councilman Spelman moved the matter be referred to South Bay Humane Society. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Memo from Mr. Bradford advising Mr. Desmond's term as a member of the Civil Service Board would expire January 15, 1951. Matter of record. Councilman Drale advised Mr. Desmond would serve again if appointed.

Letter from the Recreation Commission recommending that the use of recreation facilities for church services be discontinued. Discussion followed, with Councilmen Drale and Blount, and Mr. Johnson from the audience, advising that in North Torrance they had no church in which to hold their services and that the residents in the area were not objecting to the recreation hall being used for church services. Mayor Haggard ordered that the letter be filed as a matter of record.

Letter from the Recreation Director requesting permission to construct a picnic patio at Walteria Park. Sketches were presented by the City Manager, who advised the Council that this project was

part of the recreation program previously agreed upon. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Mayor Haggard urged that, in view of the present state of emergency, there should be a slowing up on expenditures for recreation as there will have to be money spent on civilian defense. Discussion followed, and motion carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Director of Recreation advising complete report on the Christmas parties would be available at the next Council meeting and urging the adoption of a definite policy for the use of the Auditorium. Discussion followed, with City Manager Stevens advising that as soon as a schedule of charges is adopted, such use would be completely controlled. Councilman Spelman moved the matter be discussed at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission advising that the terms of R. J. Deininger, A. D. Gianni and J. M. Hall would expire on January 11, 1951. Councilman Blount moved that new appointments be discussed at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending that an ordinance be prepared discontinuing all existing hog ranches within the city limits within ten years. Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw the necessary ordinance. Councilman Spelman stated he understood there were several other matters and problems coming up along the same line and asked that the matter be tabled until the next agenda meeting. Councilman Drale withdrew his motion.

Letter from the Civil Service Board recommending the Council meet with a committee from the Fire and Police Departments to discuss wage adjustment. Councilman Drale moved the communication be held for discussion at the meeting on Wednesday night. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. At the suggestion of Councilman Spelman, City Manager Stevens was instructed to invite the Committees to meet with the Council promptly at 7:30 on Wednesday.

Letter from Southern California Edison Co. submitting Grant of Easement to cover encroachment of a pole line. Councilman Blount moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion before any action is taken. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Councilman Powell took his chair at 8:35 p.m.

Recommendations of City Manager were read, as follows:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Imogene Peckham be temporarily employed as a Typist Clerk for a period not to exceed 90 days, effective Jan. 2, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the 1st step for the position.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For an actuarial survey of Retirement System, to determine the cost to the City for adopting latest amendments to the Retirement Law, which will include the cost of paying member-contributions of City employees who are or will be absent on military service, the sum of \$235.
2. For the City's share in conducting engineering studies by the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering Board, to be used for furthering the Master Freeway Plan and preparing data for the State Legislature, the sum of \$100.

3. To Barclay Surveying Company, for engineering services during the month of December, 1950, the sum of \$300.
4. To W. E. Bowen for fire insurance premiums, the sum of \$464.12.
5. To Howard G. Locke for fire insurance premiums, the sum of \$424.58.
6. To Torrance Chamber of Commerce for publicity and advertising services during the quarter - October to December 1950 - the sum of \$1250 (Budget Item).

Councilman Powell moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 14707 and advising the Planning Commission had recommended approval. Councilman Blount, stating he did not believe the Commission had all the facts at the time it approved the map, moved the matter be returned to the Commission for reconsideration, together with a copy of the letter from the Division of Highways. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried. City Manager Stevens presented a letter he had received from South Bay Engineering Co. on the same subject which was read by the City Clerk. This letter, too, was ordered referred to the Planning Commission.

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Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 14958 and advising the Planning Commission had recommended approval. Discussion followed as to the necessity of the creation of an absorption basin in the tract. There being no letter from County Flood Control, Councilman Powell moved the matter be held over until such time as a letter could be obtained from County Flood Control as to the necessity of such a basin and a letter from the subdivider guaranteeing that the basin would be fenced. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 17103 for reapproval due to change in title holder. Councilman Blount moved the map be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale suggested that future correspondence from the Engineering Office relative to new tracts be a little more detailed as to curbs, gutters, sidewalks, paving and sewers so that the Council would be fully informed as to just what was going to be done. Discussion followed, with City Manager Stevens assuring the Council that such a policy could be followed.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2137

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION
PROGRAM BEING CONSIDERED BY THE METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING BOARD.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2137. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND
CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SAID CITY AND JAMES M. MONTGOMERY RELATIVE
TO A WATER RATE STUDY.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

ly by roll call vote Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2138. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2139

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WALTER
WIITANEN.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2139. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,
RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED
IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 205.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 547 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bert Johnson, 17219 Atkinson, President of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Ass'n, reported that the two 50 foot holes in the Truman Browne Sub-division previously complained of had been filled with rock, but that the basin was still unfenced and a danger spot for children and animals, and urged that the Council continue its efforts to assist them in getting action from Truman Browne as to the fence and the cesspool situation.

Councilman Drale mentioned the need for sidewalks on a portion of Crenshaw and also along a portion of Western.

There being no other oral communications, Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman, and unanimously carried.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE